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### Only a Deaf Woman.

The train stopped at Blue Station on time this Wedesday afternoon- It was not a particularly punctual train, neither did it especially matter whether it was or not, as Blue Station was one of those "lodges in the vast wilderness" where time was not reckoned according to the Wall street standard and where people took things easy.

The stage for Hemlock Hill was waiting there-a clumsy conglomeration of musty leather, faded paint and ancient wood, drawn by two sleepy horses, and driven by a Jehu so old that one instinctively wondered how he ever got up and down from his arial perch on the box seat. Mr. Richmond and his friend, Col Jones took their seats, nucked their valises enurly under their feet, and fastened their natty silk umbrellas in the rack overhead. There was only one other passenger-a woman in a brown waterproof cloak and a green veil, with a lidded market basket in her lap and a remendous ear trumpet in her hand.

glancing toward her. "I see," observed Mr. Richmond, "we need put no particular restraint on our conversation."

"Only a deaf woman," said Col. Jones,

Col. Jones, who was anneed to the leisurely methods of life in a place like Blue Station. The driver appeared to rouse himself from a sort of doze. "I be if you be!" said be. "Git up,

Kate! Look out thar, you Sorrel!" And away they rolled. "Yes," said Col. Jones, rabbing his

neatly gloved hands, "it will be a genu ine surprise. And I meant it to be. 1 want to see for myself how things are." "Cortainly," said Mr. Richmond, lurching from one end of the seat to the other, as the wheels took a big stone on

their way. "The lad is over head and ears in love," said Col. Jones.

"Young men will be fools," observed Mr. Richmond, cynically. "But a school teacher; a district school teacher!" sighed the colonel, who was tall and portly and clean shaven, with

very black eyebrows and hair just dashed with silver. "A good many nice girls take to that business," remarked Mr. Richmond. Mr. hollow eyes, a parchment colored skin,

and a general dyspeptic air.

"It isn't that I despise the trade," said Col. Jones. "You know that as well as I do, Richmond. If the girl is good and pretty. I'd as soon she should be a school teacher as anything else. But I want my boy to have a real home-like home. My wife gave me one, and I solemnly be lieve it was the making of me. And Victor's wife must be no mere book machine or wearer of fine clothes. If the can't sew and seep and cook she's no tit mate for my son. Well, you see, I

have been studying the matter over." "I see," said Mr. Richmond, holding desperately on to the leather strap above his head, as the driver guided the wheels over a succession of stumps on the side of the road.

"I give them no time for preparation, said the colonel, chuckling. "I drop down upon Miss Alden like a wolf on the fold. I see just exactly what she is. I wouldn't give a fig for all the Latin and guitar music and china painting in the world if a woman can't make a loaf of light, sweet bread and cook a steak! Eh? I am sure I bee a thousand pardons ma'am " as a sudden swing of the coach precipitated his head against the basket and sent the ear trumpet rolling to the floor.

"Allow me! Did you want to get out? For the woman with the green veil was making vehement gestures with her hand to the driver. She put up the trumpet with an inquiring expression of

"Did --you --want --to--get -- out?" roared Col. Jones into its convoluted depths, the veins staring out on his fore head as he did so.

"Yes, sir, please," said the woman; and the courteous colonel himself got out to expedite the removel of the basket, the trampet and sundry brown paper parcels which constituted the advancings of their fellow passenger.

The green veiled head behind acknowle edgements, the colonel lifted his bat like enveloped in a cloud of dust, relled away toward the brightness of the western sky. The green veiled passenger caught up her parcels, skipped over the stone stile with amazing electity for so apparently feeble a personage, and flew like a deer across the wooded solitudes until she came to a low, red farm house, and entered a cosy kitchen, where a middleaged woman was making blackberry

"Here's your trumpet all mended Aunt Roxanna," said she. "And here's the alpaca dress and the three yards of flannel and the basket with the tea and sugar and spices. What are you going to have for supper?"

"Spring chicken," said Aunt Roxanna. in the soft, subdued voice peculiar to deaf people. "They're on the butt'ry shelf, all dressed and ready. And baked potatoes; and I calculate to have them pies ready to go into the oven right

"Splendid!" said Lurana Hopkins. "I want one of them. And I must have bread."

"It's for the schoolma'am, Aunt Roxann," explained Lurana, with her rosy mouth close to the ear trumpet. "Her month close to the ear trumpet. "Her beau's father came up from the train with me in Zadoc Hawley's stage, and he took me for a deaf woman, because of the at trumpet, I suppose, and talked before mo to his friend real free. And he's come out here to surprise the school ma'am, and find out whether she is a good housekeeper or not. And if she isn't, he's one year. going to set himself dead against the Six Mor

life," said Aunt Roxanna.

"And she isn't-you know she isn't," said Laurana. She just lives in half of Box 3643. the Widow Skerritt's house, and boards

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speech with consierable ddifficulty. "And she shan't be cheated out of her lover, not if I can help it," said Lurana, hurriedly packing the broilers, neatly wrapped in a napkin, into her basket, and supplementing them with a loaf of spicy smelling gingerbread, two unbaked blackberry pies, a pan of biscuit and a glass jar of honey. "Now, a little canister of coffee," said she, "and some of those pickles, and I believe that is all. You must hunt up something else for supper."

And once more Lurana sped across the fields, crossing a noisy brook on the perilouspan of a fallen tree; picking her way deftly through the hummocks of a swamp, and reaching Widow Skerritt's cottage, while the Blue Station stage traveling the regular road, was still ; good mile and a quarter away.

Alice Alden, the district school teach er, was just putting the last stiches to a blue checked gingham gown that she was making when Lurana rushed in like a hazel eved whirlwind. "Quick!" she cried."Kindle up the fire!

Set the table! Your father in law is coming!"

"My father-in-law!" cried Miss Alden, aghast. "In the stage!" explained Lurana. oreathlessly. "To take you by surprise,

and there's no telling how soon he will And then, as well as she could, she explained this unexpected combination of

circumstances. "But," reasoned Alice, "I do not wish o deceive anybody. I can't cook, I never earned how."

"Fiddlesticks!" cried Lurana. "If men will make such goese of themselves we may just as well met them on their own ground. It would be just as reasonable for you to refuse Victor because he hasn't learned the blacksmith's trade or can't preach a sermon. Wouldn't it,

"There's something in that," hesitated Alice. "Of course there is," said Lurana.

It was 9 o'clock at night when Col. Jones rejoined his friend Richmond at the Hemlock Hill Hotel. Outside the whippoorwills sung, the pine woods exhaled perfume. Within the colonel re joiced with an exceeding great joy. "It's all right," said he. "All as right

as possible. I walked directly in upon her, and there she was preparing supper. Such broiled chickens I never tasted, and the coffee was superb. There was blackberry pie that melted in my mouth and homemade biscuits fit for a king!" "Isn't that rather an elaborate spread for one person?" inquired Mr. Richmond a little incredulously.

"Oh, I believe there was some other young woman to be with her, but she turned shy and wouldn't come in at the last. But she's the prettiest girl you ever saw, Richmand" ---

"The other young woman?" "Pooh, nonsense! You know what t mean Miss Alden herself. And I think ny son. Victor, is the luckiest fellow out. I've invited her to come to New York and spend her next vacation with my wife and myself, and I don't care how oon they fix the wedding day." And the colonel's face beamed all

"Have I done right. Victor?" the school ma'am asked her lover the next time sla saw him.

"Right? Of course you have," cried Victor Jones. "And I shall feel grateful to Lurana Hopkins all the rest of my life."

"But I do mean to go over to the Hopkins farm every day and take a lesson in ecoking until I can justify your fath er's good opinion," declared Miss Al

"You're near enough to perfection to justify any one's good opinion now," said Victor, who, as may easily be perceived, was very much in love.

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notable number. Its frontispiece is one that every American will want to cut out and from the moment he sets his eye upon it, for it is probably the best portrait of Mr. Giadstone that has ever been published. The original is Millais painting and this has been reproduced by the photogravure process with remarkable accuracy. A few pages further on we are given a paper on "Mr. Gladstone and His Portrait," by T. Wemyss Reid which is illustrated with capital engravings from various portraits and cari atures, a full page being devoted to the portrait made by Watts in 1885. The opening paper of the number is a letter written in 1797 by John Flaxman, R. A. and never before printed. This is fol lowed by the first of a series of papers on "The Isle of Arran," after which comes a poem by Algernon Charles Swinburne written in the Scotch dialect and supposed to be a Jacobites farewell to his sweetheart in 1715. Some "Thoughts on our Art of To-Day," by Geo. Frederick Vatts, R. A., are given, in which he takes occasion to speak pleasantly of a little work on art by Verestchagin, the Russian painter whose paintings are nov on exhibition in this country. There is a paper on "Art in the Theatre," in a general followed by one on art in the theatre in particular, being a very time ly description fully illustrated of Mr. Irving's recent revival of "Macbeth." "Art Education," an interesting paper by Wm. P. Frith, and "Bustrated Journalism in England: Its rice," bring the magazine to a finish with the exception of tee Notes. which are full and carefully prepared.

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The northwest quarter of section iwenty-seven in township sixty-two in range thirty-eight, (except 20 mercs off the west side of said quarter), containing the screes more or less.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain note in said deed of trust described; and whereas, default has been made in the pagment of said note and the interest thereon; now therefore, I the undersined trustee, in pursuance of said provisions of said deed in trust; and at the request of the legal hoider of said note aforesaid, will on SATURDAY, FLERUARY 23, 1889, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenous and five eyelock is the afternoon of said day, at the north front door of the Court House in the city of Oregon, in Hoit County, Missouri, proceed to self the above described property, at public versiag, to the highest bidder for cash, for the purposes expressed in said deed of trust.

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